

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 117

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**DRUGS/PRESCRIPTION:** Provides relative to prescribing, administering, and dispensing of drugs for off-label use.

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DIGEST

Present law provides for licensure and regulation by the state of various types of healthcare professionals.

Proposed law retains present law and stipulates that neither the La. Dept. of Health nor any healthcare professional licensing board or commission shall prohibit or restrict the prescribing, administering, or dispensing for an off-label use a drug that has been approved for a specific use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Proposed law defines "off-label use", for purposes of proposed law, as the use of a prescription drug for an indication for which it has not been approved by the FDA or the use of such drug in an age group, dosage, or route of administration that has not been approved by the FDA.

Proposed law shall not be construed to restrict, preclude, or prohibit the La. Dept. of Health or any healthcare professional licensing board or commission from taking all actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare from harm or abuse due to prescription drug off-label use.

(Adds R.S. 37:1704)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Delete proposed law prohibiting certain actions against healthcare professionals by licensing boards and commissions in connection with the prescription, administration, and dispensing of drugs for off-label use.
2. Delete proposed law prohibiting certain actions against healthcare professionals by hospitals in connection with the prescription, administration, and dispensing of drugs for off-label use.
3. Provide that neither the La. Dept. of Health nor any healthcare professional licensing board or commission shall prohibit or restrict the prescribing, administering, or dispensing for an off-label use a drug that has been approved for a specific use by the FDA.
4. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill

1. Authorizes the La. Dept. of Health and licensing boards or commissions to protect the public from harm or abuse due to prescription drug off-label use.
2. Makes technical changes.